



MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified at far right.

Regular Meeting

MEETING LOCATION  
Mammoth Lakes BOS  
Meeting Room, 3rd Fl. Sierra  
Center Mall, 452 Old  
Mammoth Rd., Mammoth  
Lakes, CA 93546

November 20, 2012

9:04 AM

Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Bauer, Chair

- Supervisors present: Bauer, Hansen, Hazard, Hunt, and Johnston
- Supervisors absent: None

Due to an appointment, Supervisor Bauer left the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Supervisor Hunt, Vice Chair, conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brian Muir, Finance Director

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**No one spoke.**

Closed Session: 9:05 a.m.

Break: 10:46 a.m.

Reconvened: 10:53 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:15 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:50 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 1a) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one. Facts and circumstances: dispute regarding Conway Ranch grant compliance.
- 1b) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

- 1c) Closed Session - Potential Litigation - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.
- 1d) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, and Jim Arkens. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one spoke.

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
None

3) **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Bauer**

1. No report (left meeting at 2:50 p.m. for an appointment).

**Supervisor Hansen**

1. Has been attending RPAC meetings.
2. Attended the meeting arranged by Supervisor Hazard with the California air quality board.
3. Took a field trip with BLM up Green Creek Road to review a project to rid the area of non-native trees.
4. The Bridgeport RPAC discussed forming a fire safe council.

**Supervisor Hazard**

1. November 7-8: California Air Resources Board came to Mono County to tour the area and review agricultural operations. This was a very worthwhile meeting, and they have a better understanding about the small impact Mono County agriculture has on air quality. They are working on a way to exempt Mono County from restrictions.
2. Week of November 11: Reviewed the Emergency Operations Plan; it does not adequately address potential flood issues with Rock Creek dam. Also, the Board of Supervisors is the ultimate authority in emergency situations and should not be excluded from receiving real-time reports first hand. The new board will need to appoint their alternates to be called upon in case of an emergency.

**Supervisor Hunt**

1. Has been attending various meetings: ESTA, ESCOG, Mental Health Advisory Board, and Fisheries Commission.
2. There is an opportunity coming up to mingle with the new Inyo County supervisors.
3. November 12: Attended a Veteran's Day celebration; Hap was honored.
4. November 8: Attended a Tourism Improvement District meeting with John Urdi. They are moving away from requesting County involvement since Mammoth Mountain has stepped up. Mono County can choose to form its own improvement district.
5. Gary Boyd (Mammoth Hospital) is recovering from a mild stroke.
6. Attended the Whitmore Track grand opening.

7. Attended a surprise party over the weekend for Dan Lyster.

**Supervisor Johnston**

1. Attended Town Council meetings in order to follow the bankruptcy issue and defend funding for Mammoth Lakes Housing. The Council has already taken money away from MLH, so the program is operating on a bare-bones budget.
2. Attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 CSAC Fellows meetings.
3. Attended the grand opening of Whitmore Track; it is a world-class facility.
4. Attended a gathering last Friday about upcoming revisions to the forest plan.
5. Discussed traffic calming issues with a constituent in Sierra Valley Sites.
6. Met with Planning Staff at Sierra Business Park about processing questions.
7. Attended a marching band competition in the Bay Area.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

4)

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (Jim Arkens)

**ACTION:** Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

**Jim Arkens**

1. Attended a CAO conference 2-3 weeks ago; pension reform is making it difficult to recruit for management-level employees.
2. Was on vacation for a week.
3. Coffee with the CAO; the story is in the most recent newsletter.
4. Status meetings with direct reports.
5. Department staff meeting.
6. Management team meeting in Lee Vining.
7. At the request of Trindel, participated in interviews for a safety analyst.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**

- **Alicia Vennos Economic Development:** 1) Gave the Board copies of the June Lake 2013 winter guide, which was distributed at a recent ski show. 2) This Friday is free movie night at the June Lake Community Center; the movie being shown was filmed in Bodie. 3) December 15 will be the tree lighting and village lighting ceremony in June Lake.
- **Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel:** The Walker River Irrigation District is announcing their water leasing program today. Stacey Simon (Assistant County Counsel) is attending the meeting, so she can provide an update later this afternoon if the board so desires.
- **Robin Roberts, Mental Health:** Her department received a \$25,000 grant for a community garden in Walker. The grant will allow the community to create gardens in back of the Walker Wellness Center. They are partnering with other businesses/organizations to involve the community and consumers.
- **Nate Greenberg, IT/GIS:** Update about Digital 395. 1) Praxis is still working through issues with CalTrans. 2) Praxis will continue working as long as weather permits. People can check the Digital 395 website for updates. 2) A forum held in June Lake two weeks ago had good attendance. 3) Work is starting on a business development summit with Inyo County. 4) Will bring feedback from RPAC meetings about last-mile provider work to the Board in December.
  - Fred Stump described a problem with a damaged water line (Mountain Meadows Water).
- **Jeff Walters, Public Works:** 1) Mike Vaughn is retiring after 31 years; today is his last day. 2) Regarding avalanche training for the road crew; some training can be provided for about \$1,200.
  - Sheriff Scholl: The Sheriff's Department can provide some avalanche training.
  - Board: Administration can arrange for the training since it was approved in the budget.

- **Sheriff Scholl:** 1) Update about an issue with the sewage line in the jail kitchen; they have been using Memorial Hall to cook meals. 2) A recent Peace Officers Standards and Training audit found that Mono County is in compliance with POST standards. 3) Lt. Weber was out due to knee surgery, but is back at work on light duty. 4) Construction in front of the Sheriff's administration building is for installation of a flag pole. 5) The department is working on aspects of the Emergency Operations Plan; they have addressed issues concerning pumping fuel for emergency response vehicles in the event electricity goes down. 6) The Sheriff's Department meets with other agencies about potential emergency situations. Scholl encouraged the Supervisors to attend the quarterly Unified Command Center meeting. 7) Currently working on obtaining the funding for the CERT program.
- **Stacey Simon, Assistant County Counsel:** Update about Walker River Irrigation District leasing program. They approved a three-year leasing program that is scheduled to be implemented in 2013. The program will have to be approved at the state (California and Nevada) and federal levels. The County will need to monitor the program for potential impact to vital fisheries. The WRID declined a request by the Board of Supervisors that they present a workshop.

## CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

**At the request of Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel, the Chair pulled items 5a and 5b.**

### FINANCE

#### **Additional Departments:** County Counsel

- 5a) Memorandum of Understanding among the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency and County of Mono and the Chalfant Fire Protection District for Emergency Medical Transport Services - Proposed memorandum of understanding with Chalfant Fire Protection District and Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency pertaining to Emergency Medical Transport Services.

**M12-246 Action:** Approve, as revised, County entry into proposed memorandum of understanding with Chalfant Fire Protection District and Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency pertaining to Emergency Medical Transport Services, and authorize Chair to execute said memorandum on behalf of the County.

**Bauer moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**

- Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: The 4<sup>th</sup> "Whereas" in the MOU listing Symons as the primary provider of ALS services may imply that this is a commitment on their part. In order to clarify the intent, the Board can add "if available", after "Bishop, California". This revision would also apply to Item #5b, MOU with White Mountain Fire Protection District.

#### **Additional Departments:** County Counsel

- 5b) Memorandum of Understanding among the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency and County of Mono and the White Mountain Fire Protection District for

Emergency Medical Transport Services - Proposed memorandum of understanding with White Mountain Fire Protection District and Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency pertaining to Emergency Medical Transport Services.

- M12-247**      **Action:** Approve, as revised, County entry into proposed memorandum of understanding with White Mountain Fire Protection District and Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency pertaining to Emergency Medical Transport Services, and authorize Chair to execute said memorandum on behalf of the County.  
**Bauer moved; Johnston seconded**  
**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**

- 5c)            Treasury Pool Transactions - Report of transactions in the Treasury Pool for the month of October 2012.

- M12-248**      **Action:** Accept report of transactions in the Treasury Pool for the month of October 2012.  
**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**  
**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**

#### PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE DIVISION

- 6a)            Amendment to MCPE MOU relating to holiday pay for landfill employees - Proposed amendment to MCPE MOU relating to holiday pay for landfill employees.

- M12-249**      **Action:** Approve amendment to MCPE MOU relating to holiday pay for landfill employees, and authorize Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.  
**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**  
**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**

#### CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 7a)            Appointment to First 5 Children and Families Commission - Appointment of Barbara Miller to Mono County First 5 Children and Families Commission for a term of three years. This appointment is being requested by the Commission. If appointed, Ms. Miller would serve the remainder of a three year term vacated by Commissioner Anne Winston which expires March 9, 2015.

- M12-250**      **Action:** Appoint Barbara Miller to Mono County First 5 Children and Families Commission to fill the unexpired term of Anne Winston; said term will expire on March 9, 2015.  
**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**  
**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**

## ELECTIONS

- 8a) Special Districts, Appointments in Lieu of Election - Resolution making appointments to boards of special districts pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515(a) and (b).
- R12-81**      **Action:** Adopt Resolution #R12-81, a resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors making appointments to boards of special districts pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515(a) and (b).  
**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**  
**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**

## REGULAR AGENDA

### CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

### CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 9a) Sheriff Scholl Retirement Press Release - Copy of Sheriff Scholl's press release announcing his upcoming retirement. Informational only.
- Board acknowledged receipt of the press release.**  
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## FINANCE

### **Additional Departments:** Administration, County Counsel

- 10a) New Level of Retirement Benefits – 3.0% @ 55 Full Formula Second Tier for Sheriff Safety Members (Brian Muir) - Consider report on the fiscal impact of the change in retirement benefits in accordance with Government Code Section 7507. Consider resolution of intention to approve an amendment to contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees Retirement System and Board of Supervisors Mono County.
- R12-82**      **Action:** 1) Adopt resolution of intention (#R12-82) to approve an amendment to  
**M12-251**      contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees Retirement System and Board of Supervisors Mono County. 2) Authorize Chair to sign certification of compliance with Government Code Section 20475. 3) Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance authorizing an amendment to contract between the Board of Supervisors Mono County and Board of Administration California Public Employees Retirement System.  
**Hazard moved; Hunt seconded**  
**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**
- Brian Muir, Finance Director: This item reflects the new tier for deputy sheriffs; 3% at 55 will be the level for lateral transfers from other agencies. The cost will depend on the number of people hired under this plan, but there will be savings in the future.

## PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DIVISION

- 11a) Contract Award for the School Street Plaza Project (Vianey White) - Contract Award for the School Street Plaza Project which consists of constructing a pedestrian plaza with landscaping and benches along the east side of School Street from US 395 to Bryant Street adjacent to the historic county courthouse in the community of Bridgeport.

**M12-252** **Action:** Based on this staff report concerning bids received in response to a solicitation for bids and responsibility of the apparent lowest responsive bidder: 1) Deem V & C Construction's bid to be non-responsive based on its material deviation of a solicitation requirement; 2 ) identify WWW Construction, Inc. as responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid; 3) award contract to WWW Construction, Inc. for the School Street Plaza Project in an amount not to exceed \$218,048; 4) authorize the Public Works Director, in consultation with County Counsel, to administer that contract, including making minor amendments to said contract from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, and authority to approve and issue change orders to the contract in accordance with Public Contract Code §20142, in an amount not to exceed \$2,180.48 per change order, provided such amendments do not substantially alter the scope of work, do not cause spending on the project to exceed the budgeted authority of \$225,000, and are approved as to form and legality by County Counsel.

**Hazard moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**

- Vianey White, Public Works: They received four bids for this project. V & C Construction did not meet all requirements, so staff recommends awarding the contract to WWW (from Reno, Nevada). No bid protests have been submitted; the protest period ends today at 4:30 p.m.
- Tara McKenzie, Deputy County Counsel: Explained that all bidders had to comply with legal grant requirements and that is why the County could not accept the V & C bid.
- Garrett Higerd, Public Works: The contract has to be awarded by the end of the month, so that is why they can't reject all bids and start over. An auditor from FHWA will review files and can't deem V & C as making a good faith effort because of the error in their bid. The County bid documents were well defined so the error was not due to unclear language in the bid. WWW Construction met the DVE requirements.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 12a) Appointment of a New Transitional Director (and future Director) in Social Services (Jim Arkens) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Kathryn Peterson and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Under said Agreement, Ms. Peterson will serve as Transitional Social Services Director until the current Social Services Director leaves County employment, on or before April 13, 2013, at which point Ms. Peterson will become the Social Services Director.

**R12-83** **Action:** Approve Resolution #R12-83, approving a contract with Kathy Peterson and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said

employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

**Hunt moved; Hazard seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**

- Jim Arkens, CAO/HR Director: Julie Tiede is not renewing her contract after it expires in April, so Kathy Peterson (currently Director of First 5) has been selected to serve as Social Services Director. Peterson is highly recommended, and will work with Tiede over the next several months as transitional director before assuming her role as Social Services Director.
- Supervisor Hunt: He has worked with Peterson in her capacity as director of the First 5 program. She is very responsive to the community and has done extraordinary things on a diminishing budget. Peterson will be good in this role.
- Julie Tiede, Director of Social Services: Acknowledged Peterson's capability.
- Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: Pointed out that the initial salary for part-time work is \$4,133 (the amount listed in the agenda packet was wrong).

#### SHERIFF CORONER

- 13a) Hiring and/or Backfilling of a Patrol Deputy Position (Sheriff Richard C. Scholl) - To maintain and deliver quality patrol services to the residents and visitors of Mono County, it is imperative that our patrol staff remain at our current level of 13 patrol deputies. The department currently has several deputies not patrolling the streets for various reasons including one on medical leave, one on administrative leave pending a termination appeal, and on attending the Sheriff's academy in Riverside. The department has also received a resignation letter from one deputy that has accepted a position with the Bishop Police Department. This places the department 4 positions below what current staffing levels should be and places the community and deputies at risk by not being able to provide adequate levels of service.

**M12-253 Action:** Approve allocating an additional deputy sheriff position (to augment current patrol force), and authorize hiring to fill that new position.

**Hazard moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No**

- Sheriff Scholl: The Department has 13 patrol deputies—two of them are currently not working due to an employee appeal and a worker's comp injury; a recently hired deputy is attending the academy until January, and after graduating will be in field training for 3-4 months; and another deputy is leaving to work in Bishop. The Department needs the additional deputy position to fill in where needed. This will increase the budget, but at a lower rate than the previous sworn position (which was cut when Lt. O'Hara retired). Also, the Mammoth Lakes restructuring is impacting the Sheriff's Department, and there could be significant safety issues during the holiday season.

#### Board Comments

- Supervisor Hazard: The current number of deputies was established as part of negotiations with DSA pending incorporation of Mammoth Lakes and formation of their police force. Hazard supports this request.
- Supervisor Bauer: Board approval of this request would be for the purpose of increasing the number of deputies for Mono County, and not related to issues in Mammoth Lakes.



Board Discussion with Sheriff Scholl

- Impact of Town issues.
- Mutual assistance arrangements.
- Issues about liability with backfilling the Town police force.
- Suggestion that the proposed position be called a transitional position or utility deputy.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

14a) Placing of County Notices in Local Papers (The Sheet Newspaper) - The Sheet newspaper has requested this item to update the Board on delivery of newspapers countywide, as requested by the Board of Supervisors. This item is being sponsored by Chairwoman Bauer.

**Failed Motion**

**Action:** For the next six months, continue publishing legal notices in The Sheet only, and then bid for the service.

Bauer moved; motion died for lack of a second.

**No Motion**

**Action:** Direct staff to consider this issue at the mid-year budget review.

- Supervisor Bauer: The Sheet requested this item.
- Ted Carleton, The Sheet: He has monitored placement of Mammoth Times in Benton since the Board last considered this item, and found that the Times is not being delivered to Benton so they are not meeting the requirement to deliver the paper County wide. In 2006, the Sheet was denied approval of its request to be a newspaper of general circulation based on a technicality raised by the Mammoth Times; they, too, should have to follow the rules or pay the consequences. His business takes an economic loss by delivering papers to all communities in Mono County; but it is a Board requirement so he does it.
- Aleksandra Gajewski, Mammoth Times: Explained the reasons for the delay in delivering papers to Benton (lost their publisher at the Inyo Register and had to order new racks). She intends to install racks in Benton/Chalfant within the next two weeks. Gajewski provided corrected publishing and circulation information. She reviewed aspects of the bids submitted two years ago, and suggested that it would be helpful if the County is more specific about what they need and want. She knows that people read both papers, but there is no answer about who reads the public notices. Gajewski has started dropping papers in locations where people have free access to them.

Board Discussion

- Supervisor Bauer: Technicalities matter; the Board can't treat both papers equally if they are not fulfilling the requirements equally. She wants to see both papers succeed, but this needs to be a level playing field.
- Supervisor Hazard: This issue is not about what happened in the past. In his district there have been issues with both papers. The County is paying money to get the information out to the public and it needs to be widely disseminated. Gajewski needs to show (not tell) the Board what she intends to do to earn the business.
- Supervisor Johnston: The County is not required to publish legal notices in both papers; this creates extra cost to taxpayers. Whichever publication is used, it should be distributed widely throughout the County.
- Supervisor Hunt: There are differences between the two papers. The main objective is to maximize notification to the public, hence his previous vote to publish in both papers. However, the playing field needs to be level.
- Supervisor Hansen: It appears that the Times is not fulfilling its responsibility to the County. He is looking for performance, not excuses.

- 14b) AB 1616 Class A Permit Exemption (Tim Alpers, Louis Molina, Janadale Sylve)  
AB 1616 was signed into law in September 2012. It was designed to help Californians with economic recovery by allowing certain classes of food to be prepared and sold directly from domestic kitchens. This bill doesn't go into effect until January 2013 but it is being requested that the Board of Supervisors make exemptions to accommodate early business activity, if possible (and specifically, for Mono County resident Janadale Sylve). This item is being sponsored by the Mono County Board of Supervisors at the request of supervisor-elect Tim Alpers. (Note: This request was added shortly before the agenda was finalized. County Counsel and other staff have not yet had an opportunity to analyze the request or applicable law, but will be prepared to address such issues at the Board meeting.)

**Failed Motion**

**Action:** Allow Janadale Sylve to proceed with her cottage foods operation before the law takes effect on January 1, 2013.

Johnston moved; Bauer seconded (Bauer withdrew her second to the motion)

- Tim Alpers, Supervisor Elect, District 3: The law regarding cottage food operations takes effect January 1. Ms. Sylve wants to comply with the law but would like early approval of her permit so she can take advantage of the holiday season.
- Janadale Sylve: The purpose of AB 1616 is to assist with economic recovery. There is a limited window of time during the holidays this year to maximize her business opportunity. The Class A permit only requires the operator to be registered and complete a self certifying check list. Sylve spoke about her marketing plan and her understanding of the regulations.
- Louis Molina, Environmental Health: Distributed copies of Frequently Asked Questions about AB 1616. Local health departments have the authority to issue permits starting on January 1; he does not read anything in the law to allow for earlier permitting. Other counties are waiting until January 1 to issue permits in compliance with AB 1616. The Health and Safety code as written at this point prohibits Sylve's request.

**Board Discussion with Staff**

- Use of a community center kitchen until January 1; potential policy issues.
- Legal challenges to this law.
- Temporary food permit.
- County's home-occupation policy.
- Legality of issuing a permit early, and impact on collection of taxes.
- Idea of taking pre-orders for delivery after January 1.
- Completing all paperwork now so the permit can be issued when AB 1616 goes into effect.

**PUBLIC WORKS - ROAD DIVISION**

- 15a) Proposed Fuel Reduction Initiatives (Jeff Walters) - Mono County's vehicles, machinery and equipment use over 200,000 gallons of fuel on average each year. Mono County has many fuel reduction initiatives already in place and continues to develop and implement others in an effort to reduce county fuel use.

**Action:** None

Supervisor Bauer left at 2:50 p.m. for an appointment.

Jeff Walters, Public Works: Discussed proposed fuel reduction initiatives; some are already in place.

- Reviewed County usage of fuel per year (including vehicles and equipment such as chain saws and leaf blowers).
- Generally gasoline is used more than diesel fuel.
- Reviewed graphs outlining fuel usage (in agenda packet). Since 2009-10 the trend of fuel usage has gone down; snowfall is a big factor in diesel usage.
- Potential ways to reduce fuel usage: carpool to meetings; continue to purchase more fuel-efficient vehicles (this already accounts for some of the reduced fuel usage); use video-conferencing to attend meetings; on-going supervision by department heads to ensure travel is necessary; consolidate trips; educate staff about fuel efficient driving techniques (i.e. minimal use of air conditioning).
- Using pool cars for travel will save money but will increase overall fuel use.

#### Board Discussion

- Supervisor Johnston: The Board needs to tackle the long-term problem of fuel use by establishing goals and policies about fuel usage, and establishing measurable ways to meet the goals. The Board could approach the goal by reducing budgets and expecting departments to figure out how to reduce usage. There needs to be a target in order to achieve a goal.
- Supervisor Hansen: Fuel delivery systems allow for tracking of usage and information can be obtained this way. Vehicle mileage is improving so replacement vehicles will help.
- Supervisor Hunt: Public Works is on the right track by increasing awareness about the need to increase fuel efficiency. The Board needs to be creative, open-minded, and sensitive to the issue since needs and usage vary among departments. This is an on-going issue that will need to be reviewed by the new board. Services should not be diminished.
- Supervisor Hazard: The topic is complex and the County has dealt with this issue since the 1970s by trying various options. The County should continue replacing vehicles with more fuel efficient vehicles, and replace older vehicles; goals need to be realistic. Hold department heads responsible for finding efficiencies, and let them manage the situation.

#### Staff Comments

- Jim Arkens, CAO: Department heads and employees have been instructed about use of County cars. It saves money if employees use County vehicles rather than being reimbursed for personal car use, but it uses more fuel. The Board has to decide which way they want to go and which services may need to be reduced. The budget already shows savings. Arkens will talk with department heads at the next management meeting and will talk with employees at "Coffee with the CAO".
- Brian Muir, Finance Director: The County works at this issue. The Board can set a goal, but it should let administration work with the departments to figure out how to best meet the goal.

#### Public Comments

Fred Stump, Supervisor Elect, District 2: 1) Jeff Walters tracks the situation; Jim Arkens has authority over department heads. 2) Across-the board cuts don't work. 3) The Board should review usage of vehicles to determine need. 4) Use of safety vehicles has to be left to the department head. 5) Differentiating between a goal and a requirement: perceived punishment could illicit reduced services. The Board needs to hear from department heads before establishing goals.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - BUILDING DIVISION

- 16a) Limited Density Owner Built Rural Dwellings (Tom Perry, Brent Calloway) - Proposed ordinance adopting chapter 15.50 of the Mono County Code pertaining to Limited Density Owner-Built Rural Dwellings.

**M12-254** **Action:** Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance adopting chapter 15.50 of the Mono County Code pertaining to Limited Density Owner-Built Rural Dwellings.

**Johnston moved; Hazard seconded**

**Vote: 4 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent (Bauer)**

Tom Perry, Community Development—Building: This is a continuing discussion about the proposed ordinance.

- The draft ordinance reflects ideas and discussions from past Board meetings.
- The draft follows the model from five other counties.
- Parameters were established through prior discussions with the Board (i.e. the out-of-sight, out-of-mind concept).
- There have been a few inquiries but no action at this point.
- The existing codes are the basis for approval of a permit.

Board Discussion

- The Building Division is on the right track; the proposed ordinance is limited.
- The pilot program should be two to five years in order to allow for an opportunity to review it. If needed, the ordinance can be extended.
- Suggested a change to the sunset provision.
- Building Department should make periodic reports to the Board about permit activity.
- This has been a significant discussion issue at RCRC meetings.

ADJOURN: 3:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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CHAIR

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VICE CHAIR

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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